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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction, Wednesday October 1, were slightly lower except for Virginia Jonathans, than those received for these varieties last week, according to a cable from Mr. Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Supplies of barreled apples were moderate and boxed light. Both boxed and barreled apples were in generally good condition except for numerous slacks in the barreled offerings. American apples met with an active demand at the prevailing prices. York Imperials from Virginia were offered in quantity for the first time this season. Supplies of American pears were moderate and met with an active demand. The fruit was in generally good condition except for a large number of slacks among the offerings of New York Keiffer pears. The light supplies of American plums met with an active demand.

At London American apples were in light supply. The demand was active. The condition of the fruit was good. U.S. No. 1, 1½ inch, Virginia Jonathans sold at \$6.81 to \$7.06 per barrel, U.S. No. 1, 2 inch, at \$8.76 to \$9.73 and U.S. No. 1, 2 ¼ inch, at \$10.46 to \$10.95 per barrel. These prices were considerably above those ruling at Liverpool for the same sizes. Bonums from Virginia U.S. No. 1, 1½ inch sold at \$5.84 to \$6.33, U.S. No. 1, 2 inch at \$6.33 to \$6.81 and U.S. No. 1, 2 ¼ inch at \$6.81 to \$7.18 per barrel. U.S. No. 1, 2 inch, Virginia Grimes sold at \$6.08 to \$6.33 per barrel. Virginia York Imperials, U.S. No. 1, 2 ¼ inch, sold at \$6.93 to \$7.18 and the U.S. No. 1, 2 ½ inch, at \$6.93 to \$7.06 per barrel. American pear supplies were moderate in active demand and in generally good condition. California Comice sold at \$4.38 to \$4.62 per box. New York Keiffers sold at \$5.35 to \$6.33 per barrel. In boxes they made \$2.19 to \$2.31.

English dessert varieties of apples are rapidly cleaning up, according to Mr. Motz. Growers are holding back their holdings of Bramley's Seedlings an important cooking variety, as they are anticipating better prices later. American apples are meeting with an active inquiry and a continued good demand is expected by the trade with fair prices ruling for good stocks. Shipments of Nova Scotian apples are liberal with prices ranging from \$2.92 to \$4.87 per barrel according to variety and grade. The bulk of these were selling around \$3.65 per barrel. German reports for apples and pears continue unfavorable but plum prospects are good, especially for Zwetchens.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool

Variety, grade and origin		Price		
		1929	1930	
		Oct. 3	Sect. 24	Oct. 1
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	: Dollars	: Dollars	: Dollars
Jonathan, Virginia:				
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum	---	6.33-6.81		6.45-6.93
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum	---	8.03-8.52		8.03-8.76
King David, Virginia:				
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum	---	---		6.45-6.93
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum ...	---	---		6.33-6.81
Bonum Virginia:				
U.S.No. 1, 1 3/4 inch minimum:	---	4.20-4.32		3.65-4.26
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum ...:	---	6.08-6.45		5.47-5.96
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum ...:	---	6.45-6.93		5.96-6.36
Grimes Virginia:				
U.S.No. 1, 1 3/4 inch minimum:	---	---		4.08-4.38
U.S.No. 1, 2 inch minimum ...:	---	5.60-6.08		4.87-5.35
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum ...:	3.89-4.32 ^{a/}	6.45-6.93		4.87-5.35
York Imperials, Virginia:				
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum ...:	6.45-7.30 ^{b/}	---		6.08-6.57
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum ...:	---	---		6.20-6.83
Rhode Island Green, New York:				
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum ...:	---	---		3.04-3.65
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum ...:	---	---		4.38-4.87
Wealthy New York:				
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum ...:	---	5.96-6.33		4.08-4.56
U.S.No. 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum ...:	---	---		4.14-4.38
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Jonathan, Washington:				
Fancy 150/175	---	---		3.04-3.10
Fancy 188/smaller	---	---		2.98-3.04
Combination 150/175	---	---		3.22
Combination 188/smaller	---	---		2.92-3.16
Gravenstein, California:				
Fancy 150/175	---	2.98-3.04		2.48-2.55
Fancy 188/smaller	---	2.80-2.98		2.37-2.43
<u>PEARs</u>	<u>BOXES</u>			
D'Anjou, Oregon, Extra Fancy ..	---	3.41-3.53 <u>c/</u>		3.04-3.28
Fancy	---	---		2.55-2.92
Howell, Oregon, Fancy	---	3.04-3.65 <u>d/</u>		2.62-3.10
Comice, Oregon, Extra Fancy ...	---	---		3.65-4.14
Duchess Oregon	---	---		2.47-2.86
Hardy, California, Fancy	---	3.65-3.89 <u>d/</u>		3.59-3.95
Comice, California.....	---	2.31-2.55 <u>e/</u>		1.89-2.07 <u>e/</u>
D'Anjou, Washington, Extra Fancy	---	---		3.16-3.41
Bosc, Washington, Extra Fancy...	---	---		3.59
	<u>BARRELS</u>			
Keiffer, New York	---	---		5.35 <u>f/</u>
Zeiffer, New Jersey, U.S.No. 1 :	---	c/ 1.70-1.82 <u>g/</u>		1.95 <u>g/</u>

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

^{a/} unclassified ^{b/} U.S.Commercial ^{c/} Fair condition ^{d/} grade not stated

^{e/} half Pear box ^{f/} slack ^{g/} boxes